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PATENT
APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): Darrell R. Anderson, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/ | 383,916

Series Code ↑ | Serial No. ↑

Filed: August 26, 1999

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Examiner: Gambel, Phillip

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).

Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☐ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed ___ and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☒ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☒ IDS Letter ☒ Cited Appln ☒ Foreign Search Report/OA
 - ☒ PTO-1449 ☒ Cited Documents

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6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of ___ months (3 mos. Max) for which charges the required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. **The required RCE filing fee of** ☒ \$750 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$375 (sm. ent.) is attached (per PAT-120).
8. Please charge any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit

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NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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